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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1993 AT 5:30 P.M. IN H-773, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chairperson, Daniel Leibu, called this meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He asked all directors to sign the waiver form that has been distributed and return it to the secretary, since the meeting was called after the three days required notice.

• ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Maha Asfour
Ken Blackburn
Ken McMurray
Laurie Nicholson
Stacy Schacter
Christine Vieira

COMMERCE

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Len Podgurny

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ABSENT

Arts and Science: Nada Al-Yazdi (w/r), Pascale Batchoun (w/r), Helen Ora Cohen, Genevieve Grenier (w/r), Shafik Mina

Commerce: Kristina Bolh (w/r), Emmanuel Kamukama (w/r), Paul O'Connor (w/r), Kassan Rahhal (w/r)

2.0 APPROVAL OF CHAIRPERSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Daniel Leibu be appointed chairperson for this meeting.

Moved by: L. Grimes

Seconded by: P. Dalton

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO HAVE ITEMS 6.0 & 7.0 BECOME ITEMS 4.0 AND 5.0

Moved by: P. Dalton

Seconded by: L. Nicholson

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

UNANIMOUS

3.0 PLAN OF ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE 1991-92 AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR CUSA INC. AND CUSACORP MANAGEMENT LTD.

P. Dalton read the draft, which basically states that the financial picture prepared by Arthur Anderson leaves too much activity unaccounted for and that the statements and records for the 1991-92 fiscal year do not permit this Board to operate on a clean slate. He added that it is imperative that all student fees are completely and responsibly recorded and accounted for. Philip added that the office of the V.P. Finance is implementing all of the recognized financial controls to guarantee that the association's financial activity is not this year and in future years subject to abuse or mismanagement at any level.

P. Dalton stated that effective Monday, November 1st, the Co-Presidents have authorized that an internal forensic audit be done for the association and its' subsidiary books for the 1991-92 fiscal year. He added that under the supervision of Arthur Anderson & Co., the task force will begin reconstructing all the financial transactions and verifying cheques, contracts and invoices that are on record for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Philip stated that this task force will be coordinated by a core of students who have retired from positions ranging from chief executive officers to Vice Presidents Finance and senior citizens from the Sparklers club, with expertise who have offered their assistance

P. Dalton stated that the objective is to ascertain whether actual revenues and expenditures were duly authorized and budgeted and added that any evidence that indicates misappropriation, mismanagement or negligence will be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities. He stated that a meeting with the authorities has already been made, namely with detective Lucien Doucet, of the fraud division of the Montreal police, who established that his department would only be in a position to move once they received instructions from the association.

P. Dalton stated that the Co-Presidents are confident that the only logical option is to proceed with an internal forensic audit.

P. Dalton stated that work will commence on the 1992-93 fiscal audit and added that reconstruction of these books is underway. He added that to cut cost drastically, this Board will form a similar task force under the supervision of Arthur Anderson and guided by director P. O'Connor. He added that P. O'Connor has already been briefed by Arthur Anderson.

P. Dalton concluded by saying that the objective of this administration is to present to the students a real financial picture of the 1991-92 and 1992-93 fiscal years. He added that the Co-Presidents have carefully considered the costs of an external forensic audit, which would be an impossible venture for the association to consider at this time. Philip stated that the day to day work would not be affected as this work is being done and added that it is imperative that the record be set straight as to what this administration inherited from its predecessors.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors support in principle this statement and mandate the Co-Presidents to supervise the task force that has been created to conduct the internal forensic audit for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Moved by: L. Grimes

Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION**UNANIMOUS****4.0 REPORT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

J. Chatelain went though her report and stated that the first part of it is a description of the preparations that went into the elections prior to their commencement.

J. Chatelain stated that all polling clerks were trained and supervised by the DRO's at all times. She added that cooperation was acquired by security who was cautious with the ballot boxes and kept the keys and unused ballots locked in the security offices, up until the ballot counting.

J. Chatelain stated that all voters were asked to sign a declaration of eligibility form which was used a cross reference

after the voting took place. She added that no one voted twice.

J. Chatelain stated that the ballot counting went really well.

J. Chatelain proceeded to declare the results of the election, namely for the faculty of Commerce and Administration Andrea Fernandez was voted into office; for the faculty of Fine Arts, the three directors who were voted into office were : Jonathan Carruthers, Jonathan Asencio and Aimée Darcel; for the faculty of Arts & Science Marilyne Boyer, Allan Feldman, Wissam Jawad and Thomas Moll were voted into office; for the faculty of Engineering & Computer Science, although there was some confusion on her part, whereby she was under the impression that there were three (3) vacant seats and students were asked to vote for up to three directors, the two directors who were voted into office were: Shadi Khader and Andrew Kennedy.

J. Chatelain stated that with regards to the referendum questions, the students safety patrol program was endorsed, the Concordian fee increase was not and that students voted to continue membership in ANEEQ.

J. Chatelain stated that 789 students voted, well above the quorum requirements for this by-election.

J. Chatelain stated that there was only one problem, that being with the Engineering & Computer Science portion of the election, whereby there were only two (2) vacant seats and whereas she was under the impression that there were three (3) seats. She added that consequently students were asked to vote for a maximum of three directors for this faculty. Jasmine stated that she received a letter of complaint well before the deadline, from one of the candidates who lost, Dane Doleman who requested that a recount be conducted with only the ballots that had two checkmarks and failing that, a revote take place. She added that after having spoken with Dane Doleman, his complaint stemmed from the fact that his friend Muriel Sabbag came in third place. Jasmine concluded by saying that D. Doleman has since forwarded another letter asking for J. Chatelain to disregard his former request to have a revote.

J. Chatelain stated that she was well under budget and added that there remains \$250.00 in the budget.

J. Chatelain recommended that in the future an agreement be made with the Dean of Students Office to have access to their computers. She added that setting of election dates and hiring the electoral staff be conducted well ahead of time to facilitate the process and the preparations the Chief Returning Officer is expected to carry out. Jasmine suggested that more time be allocated between the nomination period and the campaign period and that the DRO's be paid more in wages considering the amount of work they put in.

5.0 SEATING OF NEW DIRECTORS

J. Chatelain introduced the new directors, namely from the faculty of Arts & Science, M. Boyer, A. Feldman, W. Jawad and T. Moll. From the faculty of Commerce & Administration, A. Fernandez, from the faculty of Fine Arts, J. Asencio, J. Carruthers and Aimée Darcel and from the faculty of Engineering & Computer Science, S. Khader and A. Kennedy.

The Chair welcomed all the new directors.

P. Dalton called quorum since the newly elected directors were not required to attend this meeting and consequently count towards quorum from this point onwards.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: L. Nicholson
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN

UNANIMOUS

This meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Daniel Leibu

D. Leibu, Chairperson

Fad. Khader

F. Khader, Secretary